

## Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC)

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**Application of South Shore Energy, LLC and Dairyland Power Cooperative for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Nemadji Trail Energy Center Combined-Cycle Project, to be Located in the City of Superior, Douglas County, Wisconsin**

Public Comment  
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**NOTE:** Public comments are currently being solicited by Commission staff for this docket. These comments will be used by staff in its scoping and analysis of this case, but will not be part of the official record.

#### Comment:

We live here year round at a location very close to the identified preferred site (Site 1) for the proposed project, just one house from 31st Avenue East and approximately 0.35 miles from the so identified preferred site for the proposed power plant. We are not in favor of the project and urge you not to approve it.

After reading the Draft EIS we have additional comments and concerns.

As we understand it, high capacity wells are proposed to provide the expected water needed for the operation of the NTEC. A concern is that the wells may not be sufficient for the tremendous amount of water required for the power plant and that city/residential water supply may be necessary which could have significant detrimental impact to residents. It is stated in the EIS, Executive Summary, XIV, that: "There appear to be discrepancies in the conceptual model developed by the applicant, and that developed by DNR. In addition, DNR is concerned that the aquifer will not yield the required volumes of water, based on review of nearby off-site well construction report."

We are very concerned about noise pollution and its impact on quality of life at our residence and also for our neighbors. We read the sound studies in the Application and it's concerning the added noise level projected for our residence and neighbors. We took it upon ourselves to travel to two other operating combined cycle power plants in Wisconsin to see the immensity and visual of the plants as well hear in person their operational noise, in specific the West Riverside Energy Center near Beloit and also the Fox Energy Center in Wrightstown. These power plants emit a constant significant noise from a good distance as we experienced. And the sites themselves for these other power plants, they are significantly different from the locale of the proposed NTEC in that they, as we saw, are both located adjacent to busy highways and the traffic noise that goes with it. The West Riverside Energy Center is right off of a busy local highway and the Fox Energy Center is very near the interstate highway. Yes, here in Superior we do have E. 2nd Street (USH 2/53) as a noise generator but one that does quiet down considerably at night and is by distance almost 0.4 miles from the homes that are nearest to the site of NTEC, those residents to be exposed to the significant noise from the power plant and 24 hours a day and as close as about 0.3 miles from the proposed plant. We also saw at these other Wisconsin power plants that the density of homes wasn't quite as great at similar distances, particularly at the Fox Energy site, as in our situation in Superior where more residents will be living closer to the impacts of the proposed plant and be uniquely affected by the use of 31st Avenue as the construction access.

We feel that construction access using 31st Avenue would be very disruptive to the residents along the Avenue, not only for the noise but also for the traffic conflicts with construction vehicles and the inherent safety issues that will present themselves, including but not limited to, pedestrians and bicycling and children in play. We urge the PSC and the applicants to look harder at alternate access near, along, or through the Enbridge facilities, utilizing that company's already established access

points from other Superior streets.

We also very much agree with the many concerns and points brought up by the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa in the their comments sent to the PSC in a letter dated August 20, 2019, and their recommendation of the No Action Alternative for the proposed project.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice our concerns about the proposed Nemadji Trail Energy Center. We don't support the project. Please do not approve it. We feel it's not only detrimental to the environment but also to the enjoyment and valuation of our property, our home.

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

**NOTE:** This comment addresses the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared by Commission staff.

*Randall and Karen Nevala*